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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 227414

 $1.\,PER\,\,REFTEL,\,I\,\,MET\,\,THIS\,\,MORNING\,\,(SEPTEMBER\,\,8)\,\,WITH\,\,FOREIGN\,\,MIN-ISTER\,\,PALMA\,\,GALVEZ,\,REITERATING\,\,STRONG\,\,US\,\,SUPPORT\,\,FOR\,\,CENTRAL\,\,AMERICAN$

EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PEACEFULLY NICARGUA PROBLEM.

2. PALMA GALVEZ SAID THAT, QUOTE IN WORDS COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD A SILVER BRIDGE OVER WHICH SOMOZA CAN EXIT, WITHOUT THERE BEING ANY FURTHER BLOODSHED. UNQUOTE. PALMA EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER NOT VIOLATING PRINCIPLE OF SECRET

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NON-INTERVENTION IN OTHER'S AFFAIRS, PRTICULARLY WHEN THEY ARE NEIGHBORS.

3. I SAID THAT WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT CENTRAL AMERICANS HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THEIR INITIATIVE TO PROSPER. PALMA EXPRESSED HIS DELIGHT THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT. HE SAID HONDURAS WILL SEEK A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM MEETING AND,

IF MATTER COMES TO A VOTE, HONDURAS WILL ABSTAIN ON QUESTION. HONDURAS BELIEVES, HE CONTINEUED, THAT CENTRAL AMERICANS MUST BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME TO RESOLVE ISSUE BEFORE IT IS ADDRESSED ON A CONTINENTAL BASIS. HE REPEATED THAT IF A VOTE TAKES PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 12, HONDURAS WILL ABSTAIN.

4. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION, PALMA SAID THAT THREE MEMBERS OF HONDURAN JUNTA AND HIMSELF WOULD ATTEND A CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT IF ONE IS HELD. PALMA IS ANXIOUS FOR WORD FROM COSTA RICA ON RESULTS OF CALDERON TRIP TO SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA.

5. IN TAKING MY LEAVE, I REPEATED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOLUTION OF NICARAGUAN PROBLEM. PALMA WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT UNITED STATES IS NOT GETTING AHEAD OF REGIONAL EFFORTS.

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